



2022 Legislative Priorities

FAIR REDISTRICTING – BETTER EDUCATION – SAFER COMMUNITIES

FAIR REDISTRICTING – The **Maryland Federation of Republican Women** strongly supports legislative districts that meet the requirements of Article III Section 4 of the Maryland Constitution that legislative districts consist of adjoining property, be compact in form, and be of equal population with due regard for natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions. The Maryland Citizens Advisory Commission’s Legislative District Plan reflects all of these constitutional requirements.

EDUCATION -- The *Blueprint for the Future* adds extra layers of bureaucratic control and does not require that students perform at grade level in reading and math. It limits parental involvement and does not require parental consent for education, social and health services.

- 1) Support
 - a. School choice (vouchers, charter schools, home schooling).
 - b. Education reform — performance at grade level in reading and math.
 - c. Full reopening of all schools.
Many children have been harmed by more than a year of “virtual learning” and isolation.
 - d. Limiting girls’ competitive sports to biological girls in accordance with Title IX requirements (transgender girls are biological males with disproportional muscle mass, etc.).
- 2) Oppose Critical Race Theory (CRT) and its tenets in Maryland Public Schools’ curriculum, policies or teaching methods.
 - a. Teaches children they are either oppressed or are oppressors because of their skin color.
 - b. Promotes separation by race and justifies new racial discrimination to compensate for past discrimination.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Support for law enforcement and safety in our communities.

- 1) Increase training for police officers in non-lethal methods of restraint and control of individuals or groups, including training for de-escalating tense or potentially violent demonstrations.
- 2) Strengthen penalties for demonstrators who:
 - a. Physically attack bystanders, police or other protesters
 - b. Set fires and/or destroy private or public property with graffiti or physical destruction
 - c. Participate in looting and theft during protests, demonstrations and riots
 - d. Use lasers or projectiles (e.g., frozen water bottles, gasoline-bottles, rocks) with the intent to obstruct or harm others.

RESPECT FOR LIFE

- 1) Support
 - a. Protection for pain-capable unborn children.
 - b. More effective treatment (vs. incarceration) for opioid addiction.
- 2) Oppose
 - a. Physician-assisted suicide or “Death with Dignity” legislation.
 - b. Marijuana legalization. It is a gateway drug leading young people to harder drugs.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- 1) Support
 - a. Government-issued photo ID requirement for voter registration and voting
 - b. In-person voting and full staffing at all precinct polling places
 - c. Vote count accuracy and security
- 2) Prohibit ballot harvesting
- 3) Oppose
 - a. Ranked choice voting
 - b. Election-by-mail

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